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Title: Stateful Business-to-Business
Protocol Exchange

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(1) Amendment and Response to Office Action.

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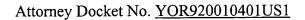
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In response to the non-final Office Action dated April 29, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows: